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SUBJECT: SPEECH TO ROTARY CLUB

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1. YOUR DRAFT REMARKS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB
DECEMBER 8 GENERALLY LOOK VERY GOOD.

2. IN FIRST AND SECOND FULL PARAS. ON PAGE 4 YOU MIGHT
WISH TO CHANGE FUTURE TENSE TO PRESENT TENSE TO AVOID
POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THAT YOU AND USG BELIEVE PHILIP-
PINES HAS NOT YET ACHIEVED TRUE INDEPENDENCE.

3. WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH YOUR MAKING THE PROPOSED
GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT THE BASE DISCUSSIONS BUT WOULD SUG-
GEST THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

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A. ON PAGE 4, THIRD FULL PARA., DELETE THE REFERENCE TO
THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT
TO THE INTRODUCTION TO THE SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPH. WHILE WE
ARE TALKING ABOUT ALL THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF OUR DEFENSE
RELATIONSHIP, WE DO NOT WISH TO SPECIFICALLY SINGLE OUT
EITHER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OR THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE

AGREEMENT.

B. ON PAGE 5, SECOND FULL PARA., OMIT THE WORD EXCLUSIVELY, SINCE THERE MAY BE SPECIFIC PERMISSION FOR THE US FLAG TO FLY AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS ON THE BASE. DELETE THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE PARA. ON JOINT USE, SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET AGREED UPON THAT CONCEPT WITH THE GOP.

4. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO EXPLAIN A BIT MORE ABOUT OUR PHILOSOPHY IN ENTERING INTO DISCUSSION WITH THE GOP ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND MUTUAL BENEFIT, I.E., WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT VALID FOR ANOTHER 14 YEARS BUT ARE DESIROUS OF ASSURING THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE UPDATED SO AS TO MEET CHANGING SITUATIONS AND BE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH COUNTRIES. VANCE

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